(b) This Annual Work Programme has been approved for a total cost of Rs. 638.66 lakhs. A first instalment of Rs. 383.00 lakhs, being the 80% of the Central share, has already been released to the State Government of Chhattisgarh.

(c) Does not arise.

Clarification from Tibetan students

†1919. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chines officials of Tibet occupied region have sought any clarification from the Tibetan students who studied in Indian schools;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Government is not aware of such reports.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Status of the Nuclear Agreement

†1920. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the talks being held between India and USA on Nuclear Agreement;

(b) whether Government is contemplating to start talks again with USA on the issue of Nuclear test;

(c) whether Government has received any suggestion in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America has been signed on October 10, 2008. Pursuant to Article 16 of the Agreement, diplomatic notes for bringing the Agreement into effect were exchanged on December 6, 2008.

(b) The question of Government starting talks with any foreign government on the issue of nuclear test does not arise as a decision to undertake a nuclear test would be India's sovereign decision, resting solely with the Government of India.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.